

Service Date: August 12, 1976

BEFORE THE UTILITY DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER of the Application)	
of the CITY OF LIVINGSTON for	)	Docket No. 6403
Authority to Adopt Increased	)	Default Order No. 4281
Water Rates.)	

On March 19, 1976, the CITY OF LIVINGSTON (Applicant) petitioned the Montana Public Service Commission for an Order authorizing the Applicant a water rate increase to cover required repair and improvements of the facility and to defray increased cost of operations.

Having considered the petition and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its petition and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A notice of a proposed public hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the June 9, 1976, edition of the Livingston Enterprise. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by July 9, 1976, an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. On March 15, 1976, the City Council of the City of Livingston adopted a resolution setting water rates at the proposed level.

4. Current revenues are not sufficient to cover the revenue bond

ordinance requirements and to cover the increased cost of operations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The increase applied for is needed to insure continued service to Applicant's customers.
2. The resulting rate structure and rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The following changes to the old rate tariff are authorized:

General Meter Service

All Customers of Utility

Rate: First	5,000 gallons at \$.60 per 1,000 gallons
Next	70,000 gallons at .40 per 1,000 gallons
Next	3,925,000 gallons at .30 per 1,000 gallons
Over	4,000,000 gallons at .20 per 1,000 gallons

Minimum Charges Per Month

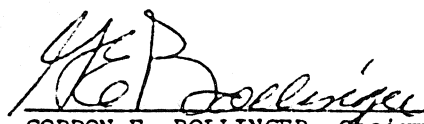
5/8" Meter	.....	\$ 3.00 per	5,000 gallons
3/4" Meter	.....	3.80 per	7,000 gallons
1" Meter	.....	7.00 per	15,000 gallons
1 1/2" Meter	.....	11.00 per	25,000 gallons
2" Meter	.....	18.00 per	42,000 gallons
3" Meter	.....	25.00 per	60,000 gallons

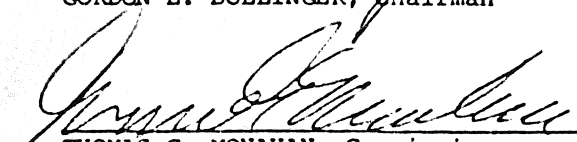
Hydrant Rental Charge: \$25.00 per Month

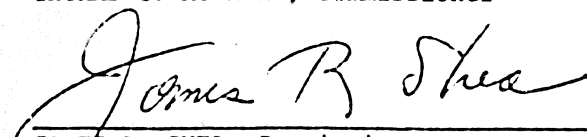
2. The filed tariffs shall be for water delivered during the next full billing period after August 15, 1976.

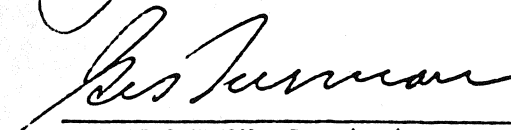
DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana, on July 29, 1976, by a 4-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

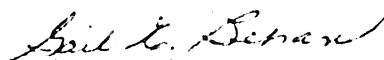

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman


THOMAS G. MONAHAN, Commissioner


JAMES R. SHEA, Commissioner


GEORGE TURMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Gail E. Behan
Secretary

(Seal)

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing within thirty (30) days from the service of this Order a petition for review pursuant to Section 82-4216, RCM 1947.